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In re Application of Klimko et al.

Serial No. 08/917,795

Filed: August 21, 1997

Examiner: R. Raymond

Group Art Unit: 1611

For: Use of Cloprostetol and Fluprostenol Analogues
To Treat Glaucoma and Ocular Hypertension

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Alcon Laboratories, Inc. ("Alcon") is the owner of the entire interest in the above-identified patent application and related United States Patent Nos. 5,510,383 (issued April 23, 1996) and 5,665,773 (issued September 9, 1997), as demonstrated by the attached assignment documents and notices of recordation for application Serial No. 08/917,795. The present application, the '773 patent, and the '383 patent are derived from USSN 08/101,598 filed on August 3, 1993 (now abandoned).

Alcon hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of U.S. Patent No. 5,510,383 (referred to hereinafter as the prior patent). Alcon hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs

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Respectfully submitted,

ALCON LABORATORIES, INC.

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By Barry L. Copeland

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ASSIGNOR: BISHOP, JOHN E. DOC DATE: 07/26/94

ASSIGNOR: SALLEE, VERNEY L. DOC DATE: 07/26/94

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WHEREAS I am a below named inventor of the invention entitled:

**"USE OF CLOPROSTENOL AND FLUPROSTENOL ANALOGUES
TO TREAT GLAUCOMA AND OCULAR HYPERTENSION "**

and described in a United States Patent Application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 1994, and further identified by Attorney Docket No. **1407**.

WHEREAS, ALCON LABORATORIES, INC., a company organized under the laws of Delaware and having a place of business at 6201 South Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76134, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer to ALCON LABORATORIES, INC., its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, I hereby agree that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reexamined, reissued, or other Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention and in enforcing any rights in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, said assistance to include my cooperation in all

prosecution associated with obtaining such applications or patents and my provision of testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of assignor and assignee.

AND I request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said ALCON LABORATORIES, INC., its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in said patent and the invention covered thereby.

Full name of inventor:

Peter G. Klimko

Inventor's Signature:

Peter G. Klimko

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5301 Overton Ridge, #1206

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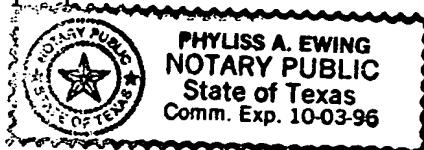
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Phyllis A. Ewing
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Full name of inventor: John E. Bishop

Inventor's Signature: John E. Bishop

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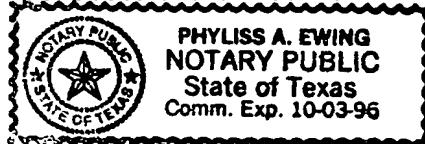
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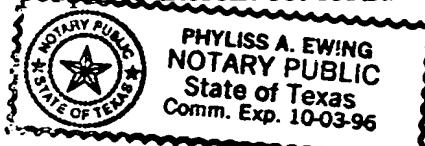
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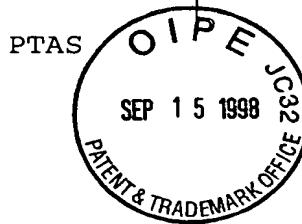
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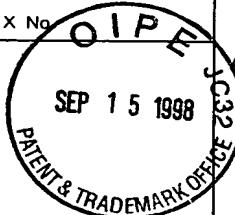
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Barry L. Copeland
Name of Person Signing

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I am a below named inventor of the invention entitled:

USE OF CLOPROSTENOL AND FLUPROSTENOL ANALOGUES TO TREAT GLAUCOMA AND OCULAR HYPERTENSION

and described in a United States Patent Application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 1996, Serial No. 08/769,293 and further identified by Attorney Docket No. 1407A; and

WHEREAS, ALCON LABORATORIES, INC., a company organized under the laws of Delaware and having a place of business at 6201 South Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76134, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer to ALCON LABORATORIES, INC., its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, I hereby agree that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation-in-part, reexamined,

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AND I request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said ALCON LABORATORIES, INC., its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in said patent and the invention covered thereby.

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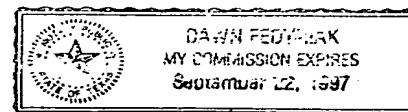
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DAWN FEDYMIK
Notary Public

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SUBJECT: DECISION ON TERMINAL DISCLAIMERS INFORMAL FORM

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TO EXAMINER: R. Raymond

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AFTER FINAL YES NO NUMBER OF T.D(S). FILED 1

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The T.D. is NOT PROPER and has not been accepted for the reason(s) checked below. (See 14.24).

The recording fee of \$ _____ has not been submitted nor is there any pre authorization in the application file to charge to a deposit account. (See 14.26.07)

Application Examiner has not processed T.D. fee. (See fee authorization).

The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321(b)(3) in that the person who has signed the T.D. has not stated his/her interest (and/or the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature) in the application/patent. (See 14.26 and 14.26.01).

The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during the common ownership clause needed to overcome a double patenting rejection, Rule 321(c). (See 14.27, 14.27.01).

It is directed to a particular claims(s), which is not acceptable since "the disclaimer must be of a terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted". MPEP 1490. (See 14.26, 14.26.02).

The person who signed the terminal disclaimer:

has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity. (See 14.28).

Is not recognized as an officer of the assignee. (See 14.29 and possibly 14.29.01).

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The serial number of this application (or the number of the patent in reexam or reissue case(s) being disclaimed is missing or incorrect. (See 14.26, 14.26.04 or 14.26.05).

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